



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: G. Gundling

Application No.: 09/470,944

Filed: December 22, 1999

Title: NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION
METHOD AND KIT

Case No.: 6653.US.01

Group Art No.: 1656

Examiner: A. Spiegler

PATENT RECEIVED

FEB 06 2001

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231, on:

Date of Deposit: January 24, 2001

Julie Freeman 01-24-01
Julie Freeman Date

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

With regard to the application identified above, Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents to extend the period for response to the Office Action mailed on September 12, 2000, for two months from December 12, 2000 to February 12, 2001. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-0025 in the amount of \$390.00 for the associated extension fee. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited, respectively, to the above numbered deposit account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Dated: January 24, 2001

Respectfully submitted,
G. Gundling

ABBOTT LABORATORIES
D-0377/AP6D-2
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, IL 60064-6050
Telephone: (847) 937-7022
Facsimile: (847) 938-2623

David J. Sahodin
Registration No. 41,294
Agent for Applicants

02/01/2001 ALAKEN1 00000009 010025 09470944
Ref: 00000009-00000009-00000009-00000009
01 FC:116